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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</b>  Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-008CON2
	Confirmation No.	2852
	First Named Inventor	Benetti
	Application Number	10/670,152
	Filing Date	09/24/2003
	Group Art Unit	3733
	Examiner Name	Philogene, Pedro
	Title	Xyphoid Access for Surgical Procedures

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 7, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 7, 2008. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.